

as a long-time media watcher and industry professional, I am absolutely against relaxing the few ownership restrictions that are still in place. Despite the claims of diversity on cable tv, the opposite is actually true--there is currently an impoverishment of quality programming, and to allow the conglomerates to further consolidate ownership will decrease this even further--I am concerned that the FCC is allowing itself to be lobbied into thinking this is a good idea--Deregulation has not proven to be effective, and has hurt the consumer in many other areas--A media oligarchy on broadcast airwaves will take away access to broad-based programming, in favor of 'lowest-common-denominator' money-making content.

Bottom line, the airwaves are a public resource, and by allowing the huge media conglomerates to consolidate their power further, you will take away the power of the people in diversity!

sincerely,  
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